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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR TZ KE
SUBJECT: NYERE'S REQUEST FOR U.S. GOOD OFFICES WITH KENYA

REF: STATE 031179

1. DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH BRITISH HICOM FINGLAND AT HIS HOME AT 0730 LOCAL (0430 GMT). FINGLAND LEFT AT 0830 LOCAL ON AN INAUGURAL FLIGHT NAIROBI-SEYCHELLES-NAIROBI (TRANSITS EVENING FEBRUARY 11)-LONDON-NAIROBI. PLANS TO BE AWAY THREE DAYS. FINGLAND STATED THAT TANZANIANS ARE "TRYING TO HOOK US IN EVERY STEP OF THE WAY" ON THE KENYAN-TANZANIAN (BORDER) ISSUE. TRIP WAS PLANNED IN ADVANCE OF PRESENT SITUATION, BUT FINGLAND GLAD HE WILL NOT BE IN KENYA AT TIME OF 1200 AND 1500 LOCAL FEBRUARY 11 MONARCH (BRITISH CHARTER) AIRLINES RUNS FROM NAIROBI TO TANZANIA. HE INDICATED HE PLANNED ON TELEPHONING GOK FONMIN PERMSEC KIBINGE TO PRESENT LOW-KEY CONCERN BY UK REGARDING SMOOTH EXECUTION OF CHARTER FLIGHTS.

2. I MET WITH KIBINGE AT 0830. FINGLAND'S CALL CAME
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THROUGH WHILE I WAS WITH HIM. I PRESENTED ISSUE AND CONCERN AS INDICATED REFTTEL. KIBINGE STATED GOK BELIEVES GOT WISHES TO DRAMATIZE ISSUE BY HAVING AIRLIFT, WHICH IN GOK OPINION IS UNNECESSARY ACTION AND EXPENSE SINCE TANZANIANS COULD WELL TRAVEL BY ROAD. DEPARTING TANZANIANS WILL ONLY BE ABLE TAKE NORMAL AIR BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE, LEAVING BEHIND MANY POSSESSIONS. GOK FEARS GOT MAY ACCUSE GOK OF

HAVING FORCED TANZANIANS TO LEAVE, CONFISCATING THEIR POSSESSIONS. FURTHERMORE, THE PLANNED HASTY DEPARTURE OF AIRLIFTED TANZANIANS LEAVES BEHIND THEM UNPAID PERSONAL BILLS, AND FAILURE TO ACCOUNT FOR EAC PROPERTY. KIBINGE TOLD ME PRESIDENTS KENYATTA AND NYERERE HAD SPOKEN ON TELEPHONE FEBRUARY 9; KENYATTA PROMISED TANZANIANS COULD LEAVE, AND NYERERE AGREED TO SEND ENVOY TO KENYA TO DISCUSS SITUATION. GOK HAS HEARD NO FURTHER WORD ON ENVOY. KIBINGE REASONED THAT GOT WANTS TO INVOLVE BRITISH BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BLAME BRITISH FOR HAVING BROKEN UP EAA AND EAC. KIBINGE WAS NOT AWARE OF PLANS FOR DEMONSTRATION, BUT PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER, TRY TO STOP ONE IF PLANNED, AND INFORM ME.

3. AT 0920 LOCAL KIBINGE INFORMED ME PRESIDENTIAL PERMSEC KARIITHI HAS ORDERED THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED BY GOK.
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